



GRANT RECIPIENT
MICHIGAN CITY SANITARY
DISTRICT

YEAR
2010

COUNTY
LaPORTE

CATEGORY
EDUCATION/OUTREACH

GRANT AWARD
\$4,857

LOCAL SHARE
\$4,864



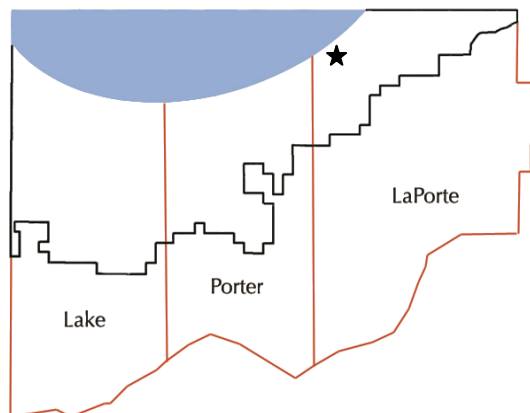
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Trail Creek Watershed Urban Wilderness Canoe Adventure Program

The Urban Wilderness Canoe Adventure Program introduced 500 youth from the Northwest Indiana area to the beauty of Trail Creek. Six 24' Voyageur canoes, safety equipment, and trained staff from various agencies were provided. The demonstration included 6 half-day trips on Trail Creek serving approximately 54 students per trip, and 2 canoe workshops serving 150 adults, youth and families on short excursions.

Partners included the LaPorte County Soil and Water Conservation District, Northwest Indiana Paddling Association, the City of Michigan City, Michigan City Sanitary District and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Partners provided land-based educational opportunities for students while other students were the canoes in the water. These experiences provided background and knowledge about the Trail Creek Watershed, its history and land-uses. The Northwest Indiana Paddling Association provided a comprehensive water-safety course for the students. This was particularly valuable given our location on the coast of Lake Michigan which is known for its dangerous waters.



RESULT: Introduced youth to environmental education and stewardship along trail creek.